



New Mexico Department of Public Safety  
Law Enforcement Academy  
**OFFICER SURVIVAL SCENARIO**



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**SCENARIO NUMBER:** Person 134 (Intermediate)

**SCENARIO TITLE:** Emotionally  
Disturbed  
Individual

**SCENARIO SYNOPSIS:**

Students are dispatched to a residence to speak with a subject regarding security cameras. However, upon arrival, the Students discover that the subject is mentally ill. The subject claims that there are hidden cameras in her home and wants them removed. The subject will not give the Students a reason to arrest her or take her to the mental health center.

**INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVE(S):**

Student will demonstrate clear and appropriate radio and/or verbal **communication with officers**, and will demonstrate awareness of radio transmissions.  
Student will demonstrate appropriate verbal **communication with subjects** and will exhibit command presence.  
Student will demonstrate the ability to take appropriate, legally defensible **enforcement action**.  
Student will demonstrate proper **positioning of officers**.

**LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

**None**

MARKED UNITS REQUIRED:

**None**

SUBJECT VEHICLES REQUIRED:

**None**

ROLE PLAYERS REQUIRED:

**02 Students, 01 subject**

QUANTITY:

ITEM(S):

**ROLE PLAYER INFORMATION:**

**Subject 1:** You are mentally ill (paranoid schizophrenic). You have called the Police Department because you believe that there are hidden cameras in your residence that were placed there by the Police Chief. You insist that the officers remove the cameras, but you do not know where the cameras are. You insist that the officers know where the cameras are. You will not give the officers reason to arrest you or to believe that you have committed a crime. Also, you will not give the officers any reason to believe that you are a danger to yourself or others.

**STUDENT INFORMATION:**

You are dispatched to a residence to speak to a subject about security cameras.